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Letter dated 25 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the translation into English of a note verbale dated 2 October 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 25 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Note verbale dated 2 October 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

According to the reports submitted by the relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the acts of hostility, as described hereunder, have been committed by the terrorist Mojahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), authorized by the Government of Iraq to station on Iraqi soil with a view to embarking on acts of sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. On 20 August 2000, at 0400 hours, the MKO, assisted by Iraqi forces, fired several 82 mm mortar rounds in the direction of the suburbs of the city of Mehran.

2. On 20 August 2000, at 0530 hours, a number of terrorist elements belonging to the MKO, infiltrating territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Ilam region, fired three mini-Katyusha rockets in the direction of Salehabad.

3. Having completed the aforementioned operation and while returning to Iraqi territory, the MKO elements planted a number of land mines on the path of the Iranian border guards.

4. On 24 August 2000, during the night, a number of the elements belonging to the terrorist MKO set traps on the Koushk-Shalamcha road, leading to the injury of eight Iranian border guards and damage to two vehicles carrying ice.

5. On 25 August 2000, at 1430 hours, a number of elements belonging to the terrorist MKO, infiltrating territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, fired three 107 mm rockets in the direction of the city of Khoramshahr.

6. On 26 August 2000, at 0250 hours, seven heavy weaponry shells were fired by the terrorist MKO in an attack across the border from inside Iraq on to Iranian territory (the Ghasr-Shirin general district).

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, strongly protesting against the above-mentioned acts of hostility, holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for the adverse consequences of such acts resulting from the provision of sanctuary to the terrorists of the MKO on Iraqi soil and the creation of favourable conditions for them to organize armed acts of terrorism and sabotage against the Islamic Republic of Iran, which are in flagrant contravention of the international norms and principles and the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the principles of good-neighbourly relations.

It is to be recalled that the continuation of such intrusions will cause irreparable damage to bilateral relations. Therefore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting the territorial integrity of the Republic of Iraq and the principle of good-neighbourly relations, considers the continuation of such acts

of hostility to be intolerable and reserves its right to legitimate self-defence as well as removal of any threats.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran the assurances of its highest consideration.